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# Marine lands trip to see memorial

*Iwo Jima hero joins  
first Honor Flight*

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When Jimmie Fay Tanner sees the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., today, it will bring back memories of a “just war” that continues to influence the lives of Americans and the cause of freedom around the world.

“If we’d have lost that war, we’d be living under communism or a dictatorship,” Tanner said with the conviction of a veteran who understands the cost of war.

Tanner, a Scottsboro resident, is the 14th veteran to be selected to make the inaugural Honor Flight trip from Huntsville to D.C. today. He was chosen after the initial public announcement of who would be on the first flight, which is a “test run” for a larger 80-member Honor Flight trip planned for September.

Tanner was chosen for the flight for one significant reason — he will be the Marine representative among the group of World War II Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors making the flight.

“We wanted our selections to be distributed across the services and we wanted them to be distributed across theaters,” said Joe Fitzgerald, president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight. “But, then we realized we didn’t have a Marine identified in the initial list.”

One of the commercial airline tickets for the inaugural flight became available when Honor Flight founder Earl Morse decided he would travel from his home state of Ohio to D.C. to meet the Honor Flight veterans rather than fly with them from Huntsville to D.C. So, the local Honor Flight chapter knew right away what to do with the extra airline seat — fill it with a Marine.

Tanner is not only a Marine, but a Marine who fought on the front lines at Iwo Jima, one of the largest and fiercest offensives in the war’s Pacific Theater Campaign.

“That’s the battle that defined the Marine Corps then and that defines it



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WELCOME SIGHT**— Jimmie Fay Tanner talks about the trip to Washington, D.C., that he and 13 other World War II veterans are taking today to see the World War II memorial, the Iwo Jima memorial and other national sites. Tanner is the Marine representative on the inaugural trip of Honor Flight, a new program designed to take World War II veterans to D.C. free of charge to see their memorial.

even today,” said Fitzgerald, whose father also served as a Marine at Iwo Jima.

“Iwo Jima was the Marine Corps battle and it was a large part of the Pacific Theater Campaign that brought an end to the war for the United States.”

A visit to the Iwo Jima memorial — once called the World War II memorial and also known as the Marine memorial — is planned during today’s trip, which flew out of Huntsville International Airport early this morning and will return at about 7 p.m.

Tanner was among the more than 110,000 Marines who fought to capture Iwo Jima in a 36-day battle where 25,000 Marines and 22,000 Japanese were killed.

He received two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained on the front lines, three campaign ribbons and three battle stars. Tanner also was an eyewitness to the raising of the U.S. flag atop Iwo Jima’s Mount Suribachi, an event made famous as the universal image of the battle in a photograph by news photographer Joe Rosenthal. It is recreated in the Iwo Jima memorial.

At 87, Tanner is a sprightly veteran who walks two miles a day and tends a small peach orchard. He is one of hundreds of veterans in North Alabama who deserve to see their memorial in Washington, D.C. And, thanks to the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight, those veterans will get their opportunity.

For many veterans, family,

health and financial considerations have made it difficult to travel to D.C. since the World War II memorial opened in 2004, nearly 60 years after the war ended. But, Honor Flight has addressed most of those concerns by offering to transport veterans for free and by providing them with guardian care to ensure their safety on the trip.

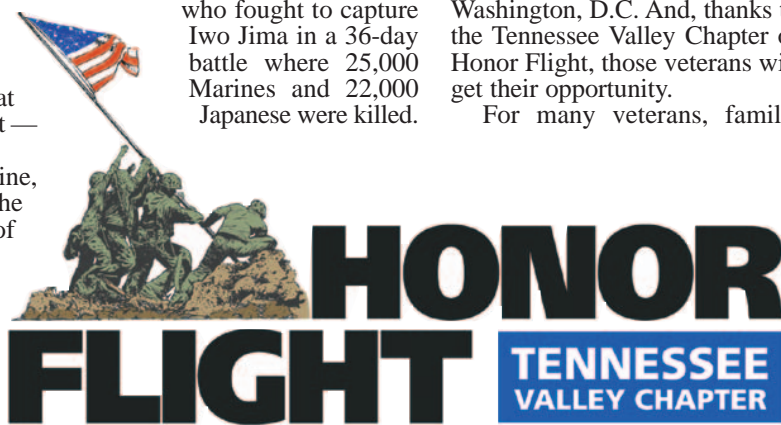
“I had a chance to go on my own,” Tanner said, referring to a recent trip a small group of veterans from his church took to D.C. by van.

“But, I can’t leave my wife for three days. For this (Honor Flight) trip, my daughter is staying with her while I’m gone.”

Tanner was a certified electric welder making \$1.20 an hour when he was drafted in 1944.

“I knew I would be drafted sooner or later,” he said. “But, I had a wife and two little boys at home. Being drafted meant a lot of things, including less money for my family.”

When he reported for duty in Oglethorpe, Ga., Tanner was told his skill set was needed in



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# An open lane random survey

Should women participate in combat?

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**Pvt. Kacie Toney**  
*Bravo Company*  
"Yes, if they meet the physical standards. I think they should be able to meet the same physical standards as the male meets. I don't think (the standards for females) should be lowered as they are now."

**Pvt. Lakingya Johnson**  
*Charlie Company*  
"Yes, I love it. I wish they would tell me I couldn't, I'd be upset. We do everything else that the males do. Why can't we go into combat?"



**C. Lamar Sterns**  
*Utility Helicopters Project Office*  
"I'd say as (combat) support. I don't think they should be out there on the battlefield."



**Male Soldiers look at a female Soldier as they would their sister or mother. And if (female Soldiers are) injured on the battlefield, that Soldier is more apt to take more chances to try to protect that female Soldier – which in turn, he might lose his own life because he's putting himself in danger trying to protect her. Not that a female Soldier wouldn't be as good a fighting person as a male."**

**Master Sgt. Mark Kalupa**  
*Special Forces*  
"Yes, there's just plenty of jobs that need to be done that are removed enough from the combat zone. Males are less than 50 percent of the population, so we've got to rely on the other half of the population to get things done. There's plenty of work out there."



## 2007 Earth Day message

Today our Army continues to wage the long struggle against global terrorism while simultaneously transforming ourselves to meet the challenges of tomorrow. To achieve success we must acknowledge the conditions that place greater stress on the world's interconnected human, economic and natural systems. Most importantly, we must respond accordingly — we must act today to preserve our future. On this Earth Day (April 22) we remind ourselves that, while we remain Army Strong to ensure the defense of this great nation, we must also remain good stewards of our environment to preserve it for future generations.

Ours is a strong, sustainable Army with the vision to address uncertainties at home and on the battlefield, to coexist with local communities, and to enhance the environment that sustains their well being. Sustainable practices such as water conservation, greater fuel efficiency, and use of renewable energy allows our Army to travel farther, deploy longer, and reduce dependence on traditional supply lines and reduce our impact on natural resources. Sustainability further enhances our business transformation by eliminating waste, driving innovation, and promoting collaboration across the entire Army.

Ours is a strong, sustainable Army that shares its strength with others. As we realign the infrastructure of our installations, depots and arsenals, we will seek opportunities

to work with our neighbors to sustain access to shared resources, and create the kinds of communities that promote well being for the entire Army family.

On this Earth Day, we as an Army reaffirm our commitment to sustainability. The Army — every Soldier, every civilian, every contractor and every family member — must make the personal commitment to do everything possible to ensure a strong, sustainable Army. It is vital that we continue to implement innovative policies and practices that protect our natural resources for future generations.

**Pete Geren**  
acting Secretary of the Army

*Editor's note: The Environmental Office will hold Redstone's annual Earth Day event April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Path to Nature. More than 150 local school children will attend. Activities include a wetland tour, a mock environmental cleanup activity, demonstrations by Redstone's staff archaeologist, and presentations by local wildlife rehabilitators.*



Courtesy photo

## Executive vice president

Retired Brig. Gen. Randy Tieszen has been named executive vice president for operations at Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc. He replaces Garrett Martz who was recently appointed president of Westar.

## Letter policy

Letters to the editor must be signed by the writer. The Rocket will withhold names upon request. Letters can be sent via e-mail to skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil or faxed to 955-9138. The deadline for letters and all other submissions to the Rocket is noon Friday.

## Quote of the week

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

— Abraham Lincoln

## Getting to know you

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**Name:** Paula Glassi

**Job:** Logistics clerk, Distribution and Transportation Division, Integrated Materiel Management Center

**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville



**What do you like about your job?**

I like first of all getting along with my peers. I learn logistics duties. And (I like) the availability of everything here at the Sparkman Center — the cafeteria, the gym and the cleaners.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to shop. I like to take my daughter (Diamond, 13) out in the community, learning new things in the community. And traveling.

**What are your goals?**

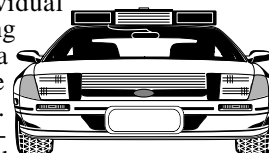
I'd like to be getting promoted very soon. And I'm getting married (to fiancée Dan, who is from Mobile).

**What's your favorite type of music?**  
Gospel

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

**March 22:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 9. He was issued three violation notices — suspended license, no insurance and improper registration — and released.



**March 24:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he stopped at Gate 9 and asked for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**March 25:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he stopped at Gate 9 and asked for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Traffic accidents reported:** one without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 15 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 improper registration, 3 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 inattentive driving, 1 no insurance, 6 cell phone violation.

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# Non-lethal fire proves hot item for war fighters

## Active Denial System neutralizes adversaries

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

Saying that a lot of folks have been working Directed Energy for years, Scott McPheeters of PEO Missiles and Space, told the recent Hertha Heller audience that "we're standing on their shoulders."

McPheeters went on to say that not only has Redstone Arsenal been the birthplace of rockets, but also this community, including the University of Alabama-Huntsville, has been the birthplace of many Directed Energy efforts.

"There a lot of misconceptions that the Army is not involved in Directed Energy," McPheeters said. "But, in point of fact, the Army – in many, many ways – is going to be taking the lead in

future DE applications.

For example, he said the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office exists to provide solutions to war fighters.

"We need to start setting up career paths – both in government and in industry – because, right now, there is a very small group of us working on Directed Energy," he said. "The nature of war has changed. We're now dealing with terrorists who are engaged in criminal acts. Therefore, our operational capabilities have to change to meet the complexity of missions. We are going to need ultra-precise weapons to use against singular targets without causing collateral damage."

Key to that operational capability, will be the need to react within a few seconds.

"We used to target launchers, but now we are targeting the projectiles from the launchers," McPheeters said. "This focus will help us protect culturally-

important items. For example, terrorists will often use mosques as safe harbors."

Using his green laser pointer for an illustration point, McPheeters said lasers and millimeter wave radars have precise optics that can be used by other sensors to gather situational battlefield awareness and information dominance.

"We want to neutralize, not destroy," he said. "We want to start turning the tables on the bad guys. With the Active Denial System, we can go after significant, limited instigators so that we're in control, not them. When you pull the trigger, you get the effect, with absolute precision."

The ADS projects a focused beam of millimeter waves to induce an intolerable heating sensation on an adversary's skin, repelling the individual without causing injury, and forcing the target to flee.

Non-lethal rounds are also inexpensive and beyond small arms' ranges, McPheeters said.

"The beam penetrates human skin to one-64th of an inch, hitting the body's water molecules and nerve endings making the target feel like it's on fire," he said. "Since this is a surface effect, there is no damage. We want the target to discontinue



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

**APPRECIATIVE FORUM—** Theodore Brostrom, chairman of the Hertha Heller Forum 2007 Friends of the Huntsville Public Library, acknowledges Scott McPheeters of the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office during the third and final forum, which also featured Unmanned Aerial and Ground Vehicle presentations.

hostile intent. We are very concerned that we do this right, and there have been a number of developmental and operational tests, legal, policy and technical reviews concluding that we are doing this right. ADS is not a

microwave system. Microwaves are much longer wave lengths and go much deeper.

"When we put these systems in the hands of Soldiers, they do things that Ph.D.s and engineers never thought of."



Courtesy picture

## Antiterrorism award

The Aviation and Missile Command has received the 2006 Force Protection/Antiterrorism Award for having the best operational antiterrorism program among the major subordinates within the Army Materiel Command. AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin presents the award March 20 to AMCOM force protection officer Josette Paschal.

## Volunteers recognized for their service

*Annual honors presented at luncheon April 18*

Not every most valuable player receives a paycheck. Just consider the volunteers throughout the Redstone community.

Redstone Arsenal will celebrate annual Volunteer Week, April 15-21 with a luncheon April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"You truly can't put a value (on volunteers) because they give their time and their energy without any kind of monetary compensation," Cathy Hays, the community events coordinator for Morale Welfare and Recreation, said.

These Volunteer of the Year winners will be recognized during the luncheon:

- Jalen Lanier, Redstone Arsenal School Age Service Young Leader Award;
- Taylor Nulk, Redstone Arsenal Middle School Young Leader Award;
- Myron Carter, Redstone Arsenal Teen Young Leader Award;
- Daniel Cunningham, Redstone Arsenal Service to Youth Volunteer of the Year;
- Jim Pool, Redstone Arsenal New Volunteer of the Year;
- Staff Sgt. Michael Huffaker, Redstone Arsenal Active Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Phyllis Cox, Redstone Arsenal Community Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Thomas Kunhart, retired colonel, Redstone Arsenal Community Dedicated Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Walter Whitacre, Redstone Arsenal Community Lifetime Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Rick Phillips, Military Community Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Becky Taylor, Military Community Dedicated Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Frank Thomas, Military Community Lifetime Service Volunteer of the Year.

# Army mandates 'green' construction

*Environmental efficiency built into designs for new buildings*

By ANDREA TAKASH

*Engineering and Support Center*

Imagine an environmentally friendly building where the work force controls the office temperatures, solar panels generate electricity and rainwater soaks back into the ground recharging the aquifer.

This is not a tale of an office building for a Fortune 500 company, but instead it is a true story about new features in military construction.

Starting with fiscal 2008, all new military vertical building construction projects must be capable of achieving a silver level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction. Army family housing and Residential Communities Initiative will continue to attain the Sustainable Project Rating Tool's gold rating level.

As one of the Army Corps of Engineers' centers of standardization, the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, is prepared to support the LEED requirement.

"As Huntsville Center project teams work on the various standard designs for Army installations, the teams will ensure that the LEED requirement is met," said Todd DuVernay, chief of Huntsville Center's Specifications and Service Branch and a LEED accredited professional.

The U.S. Green Building Council, a non-profit organization, developed LEED, which is a rating system that provides standards for the design, construction and operation of "green" buildings. Buildings that meet certain requirements can achieve certified, silver, gold or platinum rating levels. The LEED requirements fall under five focus areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

People use the word "sustainable" frequently when referring to environmentally friendly products. When it comes to designing buildings, the word takes on an extensive definition.

"Sustainable design and development meets human needs by maintaining a balance between development, social equality, ecology and economics," said Annette Stumpf, a project manager at the Engineer Research and Development Center's Construction Engineering Research Laboratory



Photo by Jonas Jordan/Savannah District

**JUMPERS' HOME—** The Corps of Engineers built several sustainable features into the Golden Knights Parachute Team's Headquarters building at Fort Bragg, N.C.

ry and a LEED accredited professional. "SDD also considers the environmental impact, energy use, natural resources, economy and quality of life."

DuVernay pointed out that sustainable features benefit the work force, too.

"Studies have shown that when people breathe clean air in their office and control their heating, air conditioning and lighting, they perform better," he said. "These features also have shown a decrease in absenteeism."

To be successful in using SDD and meeting LEED requirements, DuVernay stressed the need to start at the beginning phase of the project and include a representative from each engineering discipline.

"The team must do a good job of identifying sustainable features at the beginning of the planning phase," he said. "The funding, design and construction of LEED buildings will work better if design integration between all disciplines starts at the planning phase and keeps going through building operations."

Huntsville Center's team for the Army Community Service Center standard design started planning for LEED require-

ments in the initial phase of the design.

"At the start, we searched out every avenue for sustainable features. We set project goals and came up with the best product for the user," said Marilyn Scott, an architect in Huntsville Center's Architecture Branch. "As we move along in the design, we will see what features will really work."

The team is looking at a variety of ways to employ sustainable features as much as possible, Scott said.

"One aspect that we are looking at is mechanical equipment as means of increasing energy efficiency," she said. "We are continually looking at ways to cut costs on energy use. We want Army installations to be able to maximize all of the sustainable features in the design."

Under the Army's mandate, project teams must self-rate the project using the LEED checklist, which includes various sections where projects earn points under the five focus areas.

"Project teams do not have to certify the project through the USGBC, but the teams must self-rate the project," Stumpf said. "Teams are encouraged to register

projects on the USGBC web site because this gives them access to more resources and support from the USGBC."

Not only are project teams required to self-rate their project but they also are required to have a LEED accredited professional on the team.

"In order to get accredited, people must take the LEED accreditation test," DuVernay said. "I encourage people to put LEED accreditation on their individual development plan and study before taking the test. Even if people do not get accredited, it is important to understand LEED. There should not be only one person on the team that understands the LEED requirements."

Stumpf said she agrees with DuVernay's point on understanding LEED.

"Team members need to actually read the LEED resources. It is common sense, but people need to learn it," she said. "We are working with the USGBC to provide training materials on LEED for Corps employees. The Army is a member of the USGBC, so all Corps employees are eligible for the member discount on any USGBC training or reference material."



## Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Watch for the AER Online Auction [www.aer-redstone.com](http://www.aer-redstone.com). Brought to you by PEO Aviation. For information call Maj. Mathew McCauley 313-4260.

- You can support AER by drinking Bay Springs 100 percent Natural Spring Water. During the campaign, Bay Springs will donate \$1 to AER for each 5 or 3 gallon bottle ordered by any Redstone Arsenal offices or post housing occupants. The delivery price for 5 gallon bottles is \$5.75. Monthly cooler rental is \$9. No contract is required; and only a \$6 per bottle deposit is required – or they'll accept any bottle you may have already bought. To start delivery or get a sample of Bay Springs water, call toll free 1-800-815-7704.

- You can check out the Integrated Materiel Management Center events at the web site located at <http://immcweb.redstone.army.mil/aer/>.

- IMMC is holding an aluminum recycling campaign. Collection boxes are located in break rooms throughout the Sparkman Center. If you have aluminum cans at your house that you would like to donate, call Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or Eric Cowan 313-1572.

- AMCOM G-8 is selling Sonic Value Cards for a minimum donation of \$5 until May 15. There are two cards to choose from. Call Larry Bowlin 842-7103.

- From now until May 31, you can support AER by eating lunch at Chick-Fil-A on Thursdays. Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the campaign, Chick-Fil-A at 11820 South Parkway – just past Redstone Federal Credit Union and Wal-Mart – will donate 10 percent of its total lunchtime sales to AER. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are there to support Redstone Arsenal's AER campaign.

- Coupon books are being sold by ILS/Manprint Office. The \$15 books contain discount coupons for local restaurants and businesses. Call Cheryl Baker 842-8695, Ranny Vinson 842-8793 and Kim Sharp 876-8696.

- Get freshly-popped popcorn Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at building 5400, SELA wing, second floor. Call Brandi Ricketts 842-9393.

- The Acquisition Center will hold an Easter Bake Sale on Thursday at the Sparkman Center near building 5303. Call Candice Scruggs 842-7304.

- Handmade lanyards are offered in the SELA lobby, building 5400, daily from 6:30-9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Dorothy May 842-8391 and Gay Horry 842-8389.

- PEO Missile and Space, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office – building 5250, room B200A – will hold a brunch for AER on Thursday from 8 a.m. until all gone. Call K.C. Bertling, Jill Mayes or Maria Roth 876-1195 or 876-8121.

- 2007 AER Idol performance dates are April 10 for round one and May 23 for round two at 1 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Cost is a \$5 suggested donation per show or \$8 donation for both. Call Anthony Grayson 955-9002, Sherry Miller 842-0736 and Sharon Nolen 842-9431.

- Barbecue lunch plates, sponsored by IMMC, are available April 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 106 Wynn Drive. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068, Dave Moudy 313-1069 and Pam Reyer 313-1077.

- IMMC Readiness Directorate will hold an AER Spring Cleaning Yard Sale on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. All proceeds will be donated to AER. If you have items you would like to donate call Eric Cowan 313-1572, Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or bring them to 5301 from 7-9 a.m. the day of the sale.

- Old Skool vs. Nu Skool Softball is April 12, hosted by the Acquisition Center. Call Chris Campbell 876-3448. The rain date is April 19.

- AMRDEC System Simulation and Development Directorate will hold the second annual "No-Limit



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BOOKS APLENTY—** Brian Barry sorts books for the Command Analysis Directorate's annual Book Sale for AER scheduled April 16-20 at building 5300.

Texas Hold-em" Poker Tournament on April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Winner will receive the Redstone AER Poker Tournament Trophy. Participation is limited to the first 100 persons to pay entrance fee. Call Pat Hooper 876-4273.

- Command Analysis Directorate's annual Book Sale will be held April 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. It will accept donations of books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape from now until April 18. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery and pickup.

- Bake sales, sponsored by the Utility Helicopter Project Office, are April 18 and May 8 from 7-9 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. For information call Donna Luke 955-8964.

- AMRDEC Engineering Directorate Golf Scramble, a four person scramble is April 19 at the Links at Redstone. Registration deadline is Thursday. Call Chris Farmer 313-6553, Will Lovell 955-2370 and Ken Nebrig 842-4994.

- Fish Fry is April 16, hosted by the Acquisition Center. Call Colleen Rodriguez 876-8849. Rain date is May 3.

### Anatomy of a Soldier

Head, 1 each  
Highly skilled in maintaining cool and functioning during duress

Shoulders, 1 pair  
Strong. Able to support us at home while carrying responsibilities of a nation

Heart, 1 each  
Strong. Shows bravery in face of danger

Knees, 2 each  
Enable kneeling to help others

Strong legs, 1 pair  
March ever forward towards peace and home

They do so much **every day** to support you.

Support them by supporting **AER**.

Campaign runs from 1 Mar-30 May for more information, see your AER Key Representative or Kristi Foster 876-5397

See the list of fundraisers at <http://immcweb.redstone.army.mil/aer/index.htm>

- Fox Army Health Center, Vets with Vettes, Corvette Owners will hold the fifth annual Cars and Camouflage Car Show on April 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum on Airport Road. The event is open to all. Registration for judged vehicles is \$20. There will be special rides and motorcycles plus Tommy Mac, DJ, will be there to play music. Military equipment displays, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and more are planned. For information call Seth Wood 755-7422 and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins 955-8888.

- A hot dog sale is April 24 and April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside building 5302, sponsored by NMP, IMMC. Call Kay O'Brien 313-2451, Greg Jones 876-9644 and Rod Mathewson 313-2454.

- The third annual Old Fashioned Fish Fry, sponsored by the Acquisition Center, is April 25 (rain date May 2) at building 5303. For \$8 per plate you get two catfish fillets, bread, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink. Tickets are available through April 20. Call Ellaphine Ragland 955-0966, Regina Phippen 876-7347 and Deon Davis 876-8988.

- The White Elephant Dollar Day Sale, sponsored by PEO Aviation, PM AV-AS, is April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at building 5309. All items are \$1. Call Jo-Ann Rice 313-3742, Ruthy Gordon 876-3654, Julie Rice 955-9531 and Cathy Knipe 955-0729.

- IMMC will hold its fourth annual bowling tournament May 2 with a second event Saturday, May 5 from noon to 3 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. Tickets are \$10 for each event and include three games plus shoes. Call Lynn Moore 955-6001.

- Barbecue lunch plates, sponsored by IMMC, are available May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5309. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068, Dave Moudy 313-1069 and Pam Reyer 313-1077.

- AER Hoop it Up 3-on-3 basketball, hosted by Missile Logistic Directorate, is May 17 at Redstone Fitness Center. Cost is \$20 per team by May 11, or \$25 per team on May 14. Tickets to attend will go on sale April 30 for \$2, or \$3 at the door. For information call James Minnon 955-9300 or Whitney Stone 842-6218.

# Youth Center contest has photo finish



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PRIZE WINNER**— Taylor Nulk, 12, daughter of Col. Ray and Missy Nulk, won first place in the photo essay category for age 10-12. The category subject was "Discovering the Neighborhood – Out and About." Nulk did her essay on "Life in the Lane"; and she snapped all the pictures from a moving car.

## Young photographers snap winning entries

Winners from the Youth Center's annual photography contest held in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs include the following:

- **Age 9 and under, Color Process** – 1. Kailyn McClung, 8, for "Sunshine Blue Skies." 2. Sarah Mockensturm, 7, for "Forest." 3. Jordan Odoms, 7, for "Blue Tree Tips."

- **9 and under, Digital** – 1. Kassie Lewis, 10, for "Daisy." 2. Kassie Lewis for "Beauty." 3. Chelsea Carter, 8, for "Rainforest."

- **10-12, Color Process** – 1. Michael Parker, 11, for "Are You My Mother?" 2. Michael Parker for "Over Here." 3. Teighlor Baker, 12, for "Normal Town."

- **10-12, Digital** – 1. Essence Odum, 12, for "Gusher."

- **10-12, Black-and-White Process** – 1. Ashleigh Baker, 12, for "Reading in the Park." 2. Ashleigh Baker for "Nature in a Trash Can." 3. Teighlor Baker, 12, for "Lighthouse in the Middle."

- **13-15, Digital** – 1. (tie) "Family" and "Fun in the Trees," both taken by Amber Smith, 13. 2. Melissa Boylen, 13, for "La Benche." 3. Melissa Boylen for "Fall of Furry."

- **13-15, Black-and-White Process** – 1. Ashley Dorset, 13, for "Father and Son Glimpse into the Future." 2. Ashley Dorset for "Beautiful Day." 3. Ashley Dorset for "Mother and Daughter Reflections."

The winning photographs will be on a traveling display at the Links golf course today, building 4488 from Thursday through April 10, Redstone Lanes April 11-13 and building 1500 April 16-17.



# Program provides for in-home daycare

*Child care providers certified to serve*

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Everywhere you look in the home of Teresa Baker there is bright-colored art work, kid friendly critters and plenty of sunshine.

Baker spends her week days playing patty cake, painting pictures, singing songs, preparing meals, policing naptime and organizing outdoor fun for her three charges — 9-month-old Chase Elliott, and sisters Abby Sutton, 1, and Megan Sutton, 2.

Paper butterflies hang from the kitchen windows where the children eat lunch. The children often stop their play to pet “Adopt” the cat or to peer into a fish tank that is home to a salamander, red-bellied toad and small fish. Part of the living room has been reserved for the children’s play and craft area. In the backyard, there is a garden the children helped plant, and plenty of toys they can climb on and ride. Just off the front steps is a miniature fish pond where the children enjoy feeding the big orange fish.

This is home away from home for Chase, Abby and Megan, a place where they are discovering new things, learning how to play

together, enjoying a variety of gentle pets and being cared for by Baker.

“I really enjoy this. It keeps me young,” Baker said. “If I didn’t enjoy it, I don’t have to do it. There is a difference in having to do this and wanting to do this.”

Baker is one of three at-home Family Child Care providers now available through Morale Welfare and Recreation’s Child and Youth Services. The program, which has been offered in the past, was reinstated in October 2006 with both on-post and off-post providers. It is being featured in the *Rocket* in recognition of April as the Month of the Military Child.

Although the program has gotten off to a good new start, director Gena Schofield is in need of many more providers.

“We would like to have at least 20 homes off- and on-post,” she said. “It’s hard to get people to do this. FCC providers have to be motivated, self-starters, responsible, detail oriented, flexible and, above everything else, they’ve got to love kids. It takes a very special person. It’s challenging, but it’s also very rewarding.”

FCC providers are needed to whittle down the waiting list for daycare services. Right now, the waiting list at Child and Youth Services includes 50 children who need immediate placement and another 40 children who are projected to be added to the list as they are born or move into the area.

“What we are trying to do is alleviate the waiting list,” Schofield said. “Parents work better if they know their children are being cared for in a loving and safe environment. Putting a child in an FCC home is just as good and safe and structured as the Child Development Center. In a home setting, you have fewer children, more one-on-one attention and more flexible hours.”

More providers are needed also to give families a choice in at-home settings.

“We want parents to be able to go and find the one person from among our providers who they feel they can trust and get the warm fuzzies over for their child,” Schofield said. “The more choice we have the better the program is for the parents and children.”

Those choices will soon increase, Schofield said, because Redstone Communities has entered into an agreement to provide a facility on-post for a Child Development Home. This home offers an at-home daycare environment for up to 12 children cared for by two or three FCC providers.

“It will run the same way as a Child Development Center, but



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FEEDING THE BIG ORANGE FISH—** It’s always pet time at the Baker household where, from left, Megan Sutton, Chase Elliott and Abby Sutton like to help their childcare provider Teresa Baker feed the fish in the fish pond or take care of other gentle pets who are part of the Baker menagerie. Baker is a certified Family Child Care provider through Child and Youth Services. She provides in-home child care that includes painting, reading, gardening, playing outside, singing songs and other structured activities.

in a family child care home setup,” said Schofield, who expects it to open for children this fall.

“More facilities like this could be opened potentially depending on the need and the usage of this facility.”

Many FCC providers are stay-at-home moms who want to take care of small children and earn extra income. Others are like Baker, who started an at-home daycare 15 years ago when her children were young and who enjoyed it so much that she continues in the daycare business.

Being an FCC provider is a benefit to both the daycare provider and the child in the provider’s care.

FCC providers are trained and regulated through Child and Youth Services, which is their sponsoring organization. They receive free training in safety issues, USDA guidelines, medication administration and communicable diseases, First Aid and CPR, setting up a FCC environment, business practices and guidance techniques.

“If a provider uses the Department of Human Resources as their sponsoring organization

then they have to pay for their training,” Schofield said. “We offer all training for free. We do have stricter standards and provide more training to those standards. This is a structured program with a one to six ratio as opposed to the one to 10 ratio at the Child Development Center. With infants, the in-home ratio is one to three.”

Toys and equipment are made available to FCC providers for setting up their learning environments.

“We also have access to a lending closet that has high chairs, cribs, rugs, toys, art and craft supplies, safety items and other things a provider can use for free,” Schofield said.

USDA reimburses FCC providers for the meals they serve and liability insurance is provided. There are also subsidies available for families based on total family income. FCC providers can be used by military, and civil service employees and contractors.

FCC providers are constantly monitored, with in-home visits from the program director at least once a week.

“Our providers have an open door policy that allows the par-

ents to come in at any time,” Schofield said.

And, FCC providers don’t have to worry about finding customers.

“Our central enrollment office in Child and Youth Services refers people out to them who are looking for an at-home daycare environment,” Schofield said.

Baker’s three charges came to her quite naturally. The parents of the Sutton children are longtime family friends while Chase’s mom is a single mom who came to her through Child and Youth Services.

“She asked me what kind of hours I offered, the rate of pay and if she could stop in at any time,” Baker said. “I told her anyone who has business here can come right in. You don’t have to knock. Just come on in.”

“Something else I really like to do for the parents is that I am always sending pictures to them at work of what there children are doing. When they are taking their naps, I will sit at the computer and send pictures.”

For more information on being an FCC provider or on the FCC program, call 842-3069.

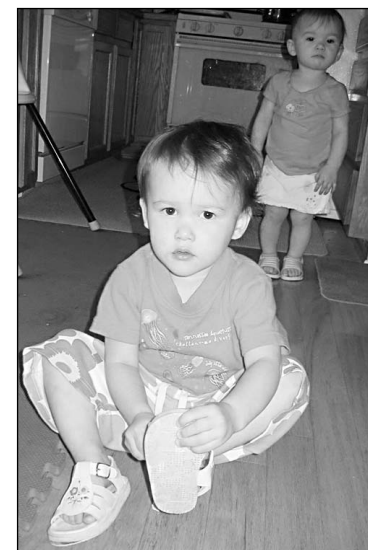


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**ONE SHOE AT A TIME—** Megan Sutton, 2, puts on her shoes while her sister, Abby, background, waits to go outside. The two sisters are cared for by Teresa Baker in her home as part of the Family Child Care program offered with Child and Youth Services. There are two FCC homes on post and one off post that are available for use by military, and civilian and contractor families. More providers are needed.

# Woman astronaut finds space travel exciting

*Air Force colonel gives talk for Women's History Month*

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Air Force Col. Catherine “Cady” Coleman gave a vivid description of her life as a NASA astronaut.

As the keynote speaker for the Team Redstone national Women’s History Month program, she showed video images of herself and other astronauts in training and on Space Shuttle missions. The program was held in Morris Auditorium at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

“The face of astronautics has changed,” Coleman said while showing a picture of another female astronaut.

Coleman, a Charleston, S.C., native, earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983 and a doctorate in polymer science and engineering from the University of Massachusetts in 1991. She has flown on two space flights and logged more than 500 hours in space.

“It’s really wild being inside (the Space Shuttle) and seeing the blue sky turn to

black and the clouds shrink,” she said.

She flew on STS-73 Columbia, the second U.S. Microgravity Laboratory mission, and on STS-93 Columbia, a five-day mission in July 1999 during which she was the lead mission specialist for the deployment of the Chandra X-Ray Observatory.

“My family and I agreed what I’m doing at NASA is very, very important and I chose to be there,” she said, referring to being asked frequently whether she’s afraid of traveling in space. “It’s not scary, it’s very exciting.”

Col. Tom Newman, chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command, said during his closing remarks that Americans should be proud to live in a country where they can pursue their dreams.

“We allow people like Cady Coleman to do what she does,” Newman said.

In support of this year’s Women’s History Month, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and a static display contest; and here are the winners:

• **Essays** – 1. Richard Browning of Criminal Investigation Division; 2. Deborah Wills of NASA; and 3. Sgt. Maj. Deitra Floyd of NCO Academy.

• **Displays** – 1. NCO Academy; 2. Missile Systems Electronics Training Department; and 3. Bravo Company.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SPACE VETERAN**— Air Force Col. Catherine “Cady” Coleman addresses the audience Friday in Morris Auditorium at the Marshall Space Flight Center.



## Fleet management speeds up at Fort Rucker

*Lean principles, teamwork among tools at Aviation Center Logistics Command*

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FORT RUCKER — The Fleet Management Initiative formally began in February 2002 as a partnership between the Army Materiel Command and Training and Doctrine Command to transfer TRADOC's aviation maintenance and supply mission at Fort Rucker to AMC's major subordinate command, the Aviation and Missile Command.

The rationale for the transfer was to optimize performance at Fort Rucker through alignment to the AMC/AMCOM aviation logistics core competencies and allow TRADOC to focus on its primary training mission. The Aviation Center Logistics Command officially stood up in August 2004 with Col. Richard Enderle as its first commander. Col. Alan Stull has since succeeded Enderle.

The ACLC has approximately 100 government employees, about 45 DoD civilians and 55 military personnel, who provide oversight and management of the aircraft maintenance mission and contractor operations across five airfields, 22 stage fields and five aircraft fleets. There are more than 3,300 contractor personnel working for Army Fleet Support, which provides the necessary aircraft maintenance and supply support.

The ACLC provides the direct AMCOM face to Fort Rucker while providing the contract oversight support necessary to the mission.

The training fleet at Fort Rucker operates at maximum capacity daily with approximately 500 sorties flown daily under a 24/7 operating tempo. Fort Rucker flies roughly one-third of the active Army flight hours with one-fourth of the Army's aircraft; and many of the aircraft are some of the oldest in the Army. To carry out the oversight of this significant fleet, ACLC has three divisions: Aircraft Component Repair, Fleet Sustainment and Materiel Management.

### Back shop

The Aircraft Component Repair Division oversees aviation intermediate maintenance, some depot level repair and the National Maintenance Program.

"We oversee everything from the repair of engines and transmissions down to small electrical components," Bobby Scott, ARCD chief, said.

ARCD, also known as the 'back shop,' has participated in several Lean projects including the C20J engine Lean initiative. The C20J engine powers the TH-67 Creek training helicopter, which is the initial entry rotary wing trainer at Rucker. The Lean event took repair of the C20J engine from 77 days down to 44 days. Cutting down the time that the TH-67 is in maintenance is essential to initial entry rotary wing students who learn their primary, instrument and basic war fighting skills on the aircraft. The school flies more than 100,000 hours on its three versions of the total 184 TH-67 aircraft, all of which ACLC and AFS are responsible for maintaining.

"ARCD was able to cut the engine repair time in half by examining the work flow through the shop," Scott said. For example, when it came to work flow through

the shop they looked at the number of times the engine was being taken apart and cleaned.

"Most of all, by involving workers in the Lean process they were able to look at items and sequencing that could be done in a different way," he said.

Another example of how the C20J engine repair was Leaned was the procedure used to run the engines on the test cells. "Instead of putting the engines on the test cell, they fail and then bringing them back to ARCD shop for repair, we cut down travel time by having mechanics on site to make the 'easy repairs,'" Scott said.

Another important facet of ARCD is the National Maintenance Program. The NMP allows repaired parts to be put on the shelf for the entire Army's supply program, not just for Fort Rucker. Last year ARCD increased the program from 55 lines to 83 lines and raised it from 20,000 man hours of work to over 60,000 man hours of work, which are all reimbursable.

In this year alone, ARCD has close to 2,000 items that it is scheduled to repair and turn back into the National Maintenance Program. Some of the common items ARCD returns to the NMP include generators, starters, swashplates, hubs, gearboxes and actuators.

### Long process

Not only does ARCD work lines for AMCOM in the NMP, but it also has lines for CECOM and TACOM as well. Scott said ARCD has been working hard to grow the program and get the commands comfortable with their work so that they will allow ARCD to repair more of their lines. "It's been a slow, long process to get that credibility," he said.

Though increasing depot capability and supporting the National Maintenance Program is a priority for back shop, the number one goal is to support the Army Flying Hour Program at Fort Rucker. "Keeping aircraft in the air and pilots in the seats is our main function," Scott said.

An integral part of ACLC's success is how the divisions work together. The Fleet Sustainment Division oversees the maintenance contractors' work at the base and stage fields and relies on the work of ARCD and the Materiel Management Division.

"The ARCD back shop is critical to flight line maintenance, it's hard to keep aircraft flying if you don't have parts," said Michael Miller, FSD chief, of his colleague's division. "Our back shops are probably more robust than any place I've been in the world and I've been doing this for about 34 years."

The maintenance contractor, Army Fleet Support, does the maintenance and the Fleet Sustainment Division oversees the contractor to make sure maintenance is performed to requirements. "We look at the entire maintenance program a piece at a time," Miller said. "We do things like aircraft acceptance inspections: everyday we go and look at 10 percent of the fleet to make certain that the aircraft is acceptable."



Photo by Kim Henry

**ROTOR READY—** John Helms, Army Fleet Support aircraft mechanic, works on an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior rotorhub, so that it can be returned to the supply system as a part of the National Maintenance Program.

Since putting the Fleet Management Initiative in place, there have been many successes including increasing readiness of the aircraft by 28 percent. "That's a quantum leap," Miller said. "Twenty-eight percent increase in readiness is something you just don't see in aviation maintenance. That's extremely hard to do; it's an amazing accomplishment." He credits the achievement to a combination of the new contract, ACLC, Team Redstone and an emphasis on fixing things right the first time.

Previously it was not uncommon to have aircraft parked on the ramp for over a year for 'regular' maintenance issues. Now, as a general rule, zero aircraft sit on the ramp for more than 60 days. "There are exceptions such as an aircraft may be down for depot level maintenance, but as a general rule no aircraft stay down for longer than 60 days," Miller said. And what does that mean for the war fighters at Rucker? They have aircraft ready to fly.

### Caught up

Another issue was with the CH-47 Chinook training in which Soldiers were 900 hours behind. With the advent of FMI and the new contract in place, ACLC is proud to say that they are completely caught up. "Not only are we not behind in those hours now, but we were actually ahead," Miller said. "It all has to do with the fact that we have the aircraft repaired and are maintaining them. Our flying hour program has increased by 4,000 hours and we're still keeping up with it." This is a first for the Chinook fleet, who Miller said has never flown this many hours on this few aircraft in its entire life.

The reason that aircraft like the Chinook are no longer sitting on the ramp is that the Not Mission Capable Supply rate has dropped by nearly 50 percent in certain fleets



Courtesy photo

## *Fast ride*

Maj. Muhammad Naeem from Pakistan poses with the No. 7, Jack Daniel's NASCAR vehicle on March 30 at Jack Daniel's Distillery in Lynchburg, Tenn. The International Military Student Office took five international students to Lynchburg. The students were from Greece and Pakistan.



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since ACLC and the FMI began. NMCS is aircraft that are down because they need parts. "In other words, when we first took over there were fleets with as high as 50 percent NMCS," Miller said. "Right now we don't have any fleet over 25 percent and the average is 7 percent."

Miller credits this decrease to AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Maintenance Center. "IMMC needs to get patted on the back for this because it was due to their initiatives and initiatives by the PM under Soldier Focused Logistics and the Parts Tracker system that got parts here," Miller said.

## Lean principles

Like ARCD, the Fleet Sustainment division has conducted Lean initiatives to include Leaning the maintenance on the UH-60 Black Hawk fleet. They have been so on top of the maintenance for Black Hawks that they officially returned three aircraft to the National Guard because of the work they have done. "It was a major accomplishment to meet flying requirements of this aircraft fleet," Miller said. "To fly the 45,000 flying hour program, according to the models, I need 105 aircraft; I have 82 and am still managing to fly the program."

By applying Lean principles, the Fleet Sustainment division was able to return nearly \$7 million worth of blades to the Army. At Lowe Airfield there were 90 main rotor blades in backlog waiting repair or evaluation; by applying Lean principles to the blade repair and return process they decreased the blades down to 35 in six months.

"Those are the kind of things we do here," he said. "FMI has made a major impact not only to Rucker but to the total Army."

Other savings came in the form of maintenance on Class IX repair parts. Class IX repair parts for the aircraft include things like blades, tires, engines and black boxes. "Basically we saved the government \$30 million that would have been spent on repair parts," Miller said. By doing better maintenance, troubleshooting and internal repair of components, the Fleet Sustainment Division had repair costs versus a replacement costs.

"The point here is that this has been a team effort," Miller said. "Team Redstone, ACLC and AFS have really made the difference."

The third division of the ACLC, the Materiel Management Division, handles property and supply contract surveillance. "We get the parts here and ensure they are available to meet the high maintenance demands," said Patricia Durham, Materiel Management Division chief. This is accomplished through the division's two branches, Property and Supply.

The Property Branch property administrator oversees all property provided to the contractor for completion of the maintenance mission. "They oversee 34,000 items valued at \$94 million. Additionally the Property Administrator recommends approval of the contractor's property control procedures; that the contractor must follow to ensure accountability and availability of parts and supplies. This can be helicopter parts to items such as; furniture, test sets, materiel, ground support equipment, utilities and facilities," Durham said. "There are five categories of equipment and 904,000 square feet of real property."

As a part of the property oversight there are 15 required functions to ensure property accountability, utilization and maintenance of government furnished property. This surveillance is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation with guidance from DOD 4161.2-m Property Manual. "This action is required that must be performed to ensure proper use of equipment so the government gets the 'best bang for its buck,'" she said.

## Surveillance duties

There are five surveillance specialists spread out across the five airfields at Rucker. Their surveillance duties include looking at corrective action and annual reports, ensuring internal policies and procedures are followed, making sure the physical security is within regulation.

Through lean initiatives the Property Branch has incorporated new ways to perform maintenance in less space. For example each mechanic previously had their own supply cart, but now all their supplies are consolidated into cabinets to cut down on storage. Similar consolidation was made by the use of crew tool boxes in the hangars, which were previously individual tool boxes crowded on the floors. Tool racks are also located beside the maintenance docks to give ready access to tools. The maintenance docks and the use of safety harnesses provides for a safe workplace as well.

"We're proud of what's occurred," Durham said. "The tool racks, docking stations, and safety harnesses are an investment for the employees."

As a way to lean the supply process and increase space, the four newly constructed supply warehouses have 'space savers' that condense the footprint required for parts storage. Previously the supply branch rented mobile attics which were costly. Now with the help of 'space savers,' they have 36" aisles and also gained square footage. By using these containers space is doubled and allows more supplies to be stored in less physical space.

"We spent money on the 'space savers,' but there is value added (to) do more with less," Durham said. "Sometimes you have to spend money to save money."

## Supply program

The supply branch oversees 14,000 lines of supply parts, which are all class IX. Daily, this branch works to identify parts needed in future requisition and work with the item manager or PM to get the parts. "Since we fly more hours than anyone, three times a day, we need to get our parts in and meet mission," said Chief Warrant Officer Exzonda Moore, Supply Branch officer in charge.

The supply branch also oversees Army Working Capital Fund items in the warehouse as a part of the National Maintenance Program. Employees in the warehouse work to track the parts and turn them around more efficiently. Fort Rucker's central receiving is co-located at the warehouse, which saves time since a large majority of the items being shipped and received are a part of the supply program managed by MMD and AFS.

Through its three divisions, the ACLC is able to keep helicopters flying and tomorrow's aviators trained. The philosophy of the command inspires its employees to make the kind of changes needed to keep the aircraft ready. "We're each responsible for a job and also responsible for stepping outside the box to see if there is a better or smarter way," Durham said. "Col. Stull lets us do our jobs and if it needs improvement he'll be behind us."

# Beauty queen thanks Soldiers for their service

*Miss Black Alabama visits troops at school*

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"You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever." — Psalm 45:2

Those were first words that Miss Black Alabama, Arnecia Bradley, spoke to the Soldiers of the 59th Ordnance Brigade during the brigade's Prayer Breakfast March 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

As an Army civilian working for the Corps of Engineers, Bradley has been around the Army for the past nine years, but her visit to the troops of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School was her first real chance to speak with Soldiers about the Army life.

"I wanted to show my appreciation for those who serve and are willing to serve," Bradley said. "I really appreciate what you do for our country."

She also wanted to get a glimpse at what the Army life is all about.

The Ordnance Corps Soldiers were more than happy to give her a taste of the Army. While at Redstone, Bradley had the opportunity to meet and greet Soldiers and Marines in advanced individual training at various training departments, including the Missile Systems and Electronic Training Department, where she was shown how the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System operates; the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department, where she was suited up in an EOD bomb suit; and the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, where she was shown how to fire a 9 millimeter and an M-16.

With a friend currently serv-



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**TAKING AIM—** Miss Black Alabama USA, Arnecia Bradley, fires an M-16 at the Engagements Skills Trainer during her visit to the Soldiers, Marines and civilians of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School March 28.

ing in Iraq and a cousin who recently returned from a deployment, Bradley understands the sacrifices Soldiers and their families make to serve this country and she had the opportunity to thank some of them for their willingness to do so.

"She seemed really interested in the Soldiers," Master Sgt. Clark Ware, MSETD acting sergeant major, said. "She shook everyone's hand and wanted to know where everyone was from.

This was a great morale booster for our Soldiers because it shows that there are still people who are very supportive of what we do and who really care about what the Army life is like."

Most Soldiers who had the opportunity to meet her had big smiles on their faces.

"She's much more than just a pretty face," Ware said. "She's a very impressive young lady with a lot of potential."

Bradley is a civil engineer

working for the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center. A native of Little Rock, Ark., she is an alumnus of Alabama A&M University with a civil engineering degree and a minor in telecommunications. She's working on her master's in business administration at the University of North Alabama.

While attending Alabama A&M, she was named Outstanding Scholar for the School of Engineering and Technology in

2002. She was the founder of the AAMU Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, senior class president, Co-Op Professional Club president, member of the Honors College Program, and NASA Space Grant Fellowship recipient.

So what did Bradley think of her small Army life experience?

"Firing the 9 millimeter was my favorite part," she said. "I'd like to come back and try that again."



# Working through Spring Break in Enterprise

## Church members help cleanup operations for tornado victims

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In the midst of destruction, there was only one question on the minds of Maj. Kirk McCauley and his team of volunteers from Wall Highway Baptist Church in Madison — “How can we help?”

The group, about 20 members strong, traveled south during Spring Break armed with hammers, saws, ladders, rakes and a host of other tools along with their strong backs and willing hearts to help residents whose homes were damaged by a March 1 tornado in Enterprise.

“There is a 10-mile path of destruction,” McCauley said, describing what he saw when he arrived in Enterprise on Sunday, March 18.

“It’s like someone came through with a giant weed eater and chopped all the trees down. It’s like a war zone. Everyone has seen pictures of the school, and the school was bad. But, the tornado went through the whole town. It went through the poorest section, through downtown and through a middle class section. The school was right in the middle of the path. It’s sad and tragic that eight people died. But, when you see the destruction, you realize it’s a miracle not more people were killed.”

With some family ties to the area, the Wall Highway Baptist group encountered their own sense of loss while helping the tornado’s survivors. McCauley, who works with the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter program at PEO Aviation, was once stationed near Enterprise at Fort Rucker. His wife, Tiffany, went to Enterprise High School and her parents still live in the town. Fellow church member Lee Fuller, who works in the Aviation Engineering Directorate at AMRDEC, and his wife Sheila have family in Enterprise, both graduated from Enterprise High School and they lost their nephew, 16-year-old A.J. Jackson, in the tornado.

“Going down to Enterprise with this group gave me an opportunity to help others who needed help,” said Fuller, who traveled to Enterprise immediately after the tornado to be with his family.

“Everyone helped us so much after the tornado, and we appreciated the sympathy and support from others. But, on this trip, instead of focusing so much on getting help from others, it gave me a chance to help somebody else. We weren’t the only ones that had a loss.”

Soon after the March 1 tornado, McCauley felt a compelling need to help the tornado’s victims in some way. He decided to organize a work trip to Enterprise over Spring Break that consisted primarily of Wall Highway Baptist Church members. As the trip came together, others, such as Chris Hodges, a structural engineer with the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter program and who does mission work every year through his church, joined the group.



Photo by Mark Wensyel

**SIGN OF DESTRUCTION—** Scenes like this house destroyed by the March 1 tornado that swept through Enterprise can be found throughout the small town. The tornado killed eight people, destroyed Enterprise High School, and destroyed or damaged many homes on its 10-mile path of destruction. Maj. Kirk McCauley of PEO-Aviation organized a group of volunteers from his church, Wall Highway Baptist Church, and Redstone Arsenal to provide help to residents of Enterprise during Spring Break.



Maj. Kirk McCauley

“Maj. McCauley had sent out an e-mail requesting hotel points, and I said ‘I’d like to go with you,’” Hodges said.

Those donated travel points came pouring in as e-mails about the trip spread across Redstone Arsenal to employees.

“Thanks to their generosity, we had points in excess,” said McCauley, who was concerned

the trip could be a financial hardship for volunteers. “We had more than enough to put everybody up at the Holiday Inn. We also had money donated for meals, and we had other donations of gift cards and cash. We were able to give out over \$1,700 in gift cards to families.”

Once they arrived in Enterprise, the group had to get acclimated to what they saw.

“The devastation was a lot more than the news press had shown us with pictures more or less centered around the school,” Hodges said.

“The whole city took me back. It’s, of course, difficult to see families who have been displaced, who have been forced to leave their homes. But, I was also impressed with the outpouring of love. There are a lot of good people that you see lending a hand in the worst of times.”

As with all volunteer efforts, the trip did have its frustrating moments. About two weeks removed from the tornado’s assault, there were times when McCauley and others had difficulty finding work for their group. The yards at many houses were already cleaned up, other yards and homes were at the point where bulldozers were needed to finish the cleanup job, and work at other homes was put on hold until insurance adjusters could complete paperwork.

“We went down there to work. But, at

first, we didn’t know what to do,” McCauley said. “Hillcrest Baptist, where I use to go to church, had set up work for us to do based on need surveys. But, the problem was groups were constantly coming in and the work was being done so quickly that needs changed every day.”

A disaster relief operation center was also set up at Christ the King Lutheran Church. And, Americorps representatives helped to organize projects.

“We would pull work orders from the Lutheran church,” McCauley said. “Sometimes the work was complete and sometimes it wasn’t exactly right. But, it was a good place to start and as we worked on work orders we would find other needs. It was overwhelming trying to get plugged in where we felt we could help.”

The group was also somewhat limited, at first, in what it could do.

“We were just a small team. We had two families with us with children,” McCauley said.

“We wanted to make work appropriate to the skill level of the entire group so that everybody could be involved. We tried to keep together as a group until we were all comfortable. About mid-week, we were able to separate a little so that the younger members could continue with yard work and small jobs like food distribution, and the older, more experienced members could do things like tarping roofs and rebuilding an awning.”

Although raking yards and removing debris in the lower class neighborhood known as Baptist Hill was menial work by most any standards, it was a way for the Wall Highway Baptist group to lend a helping hand.

“It was the right thing to do, an opening to go in there and show the residents that we care and want to do something for

them,” McCauley said. “It was a way we could show the love of Christ.”

One elderly woman was concerned about the holes left in her yard by trees that had fallen. She was also worried about fire ants.

“That’s what she cared about,” McCauley said. “So, we got fire ant killer. We killed the ants, filled in the holes and raked up.”

The Wall Highway Baptist group was joined by other volunteers, one a teacher from Arab who came down during Spring Break on his own and the other a couple that had a wheelbarrow that made the yard work go much faster. McCauley was also impressed with the dedication among his own team members, such as 10-year-old Taylor Lancaster who never complained about the seemingly endless task of raking and 19-year-old Chris Bates who took a week from his job at the Target Distribution Center to be a part of the group.

At mid-week, some members of the group began working on rebuilding an elderly woman’s porch awning and steps. Others continued with such jobs as taking down a chain link fence, cutting down trees, picking up broken glass, removing stumps from yards, moving rubble to the streets and more raking.

“It was basic, hard yard work,” McCauley said.

“It was not what you might consider disaster relief. But, it was what the residents wanted and needed done. We spent a lot of time asking ourselves ‘Is this the right task? Is this what we’re supposed to be doing? What’s appropriate?’ We finally decided it’s not our job to determine what’s right or what’s wrong. We’re there to help and do whatever we can for the residents.”

Toward the end of the week, some in the group worked in the middle class part of town.

“There were people who didn’t have their homes insured enough or didn’t have GAP insurance,” McCauley said. “When they bought their house 10 or 15 years ago it was worth \$100,000 and that’s what they insured it for. Now, it’s worth \$170,000 and they don’t have enough insurance to rebuild it the way it was. So, they are trying to do some of the work on their own.”

Tasks such as removing downed trees and rubble help to lower the cost of rebuilding.

“Trash is everywhere,” McCauley said. “We saw the full impact. There are trees that have fallen and crashed through gazebos and hot tubs and into swimming pools. There are cars and lawn mowers on roofs. The people are trying to move and reclaim as much as they can. One middle-aged lady was trying to save a wet mattress. We convinced her it was no good and it had to be thrown out.”

Shelia Fuller’s mother’s home was destroyed by the tornado. During the week, she was walking around in her back yard trying to find something to salvage. She decided on a fig tree that had been planted years ago. Members of the Wall Highway Baptist group dug up parts of the fig tree for the family to transplant.

The days in Enterprise were long and filled with hard work. But, McCauley

# Building 5250 workers remember beloved custodian and war hero

*Decorated veteran dies after bout with cancer*

Henry Phillips was a Korean War veteran who worked as a custodian at building 5250 until he was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago.

Phillips died March 23. He was 75.

As a 15-year-old tank driver from Louisiana, then Staff Sgt. Phillips served on the front lines of a combat zone in Korea in a place called Heartbreak Ridge. He earned the Purple Heart and Silver Star for saving a fellow Soldier in action Thanksgiving Day 1951.

When Phillips returned to the states in 1953, he left the Army and joined the Marine Reserves. His unit was mobilized in 1967 and sent to Saigon for 18 months during the Vietnam War.

Marine schooling brought him to Redstone. He eventually left the Marines and in 1979, joined the Navy. After he retired in 1992, he and his wife, Lula Mae, returned to Huntsville from Charleston, S.C. He landed a job with Phoenix Services in 2001.

He became popular with the occupants of building 5250, the members of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

“PEO Missiles and Space is going to actually provide the funeral detail (at Phillips’ funeral service),” said Terry Bradford, executive officer for the PEO,



Courtesy photo

**CAREER MILITARY—** Henry Phillips is shown during his Navy years. He previously served in the Army and the Marines.

Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon.

The funeral service was scheduled April 1 at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating. Royal Funeral Home was handling the arrangements. People can send condolences to the family at its web site [www.royalfh.com](http://www.royalfh.com).

*Editor’s note: The information about Phillips’ military service appeared in a Redstone Rocket article Jan. 30, 2002 by then staff writer Sandy Riebeling.*

## Retired Col. James L. Wilson dies

Retired Col. James L. Wilson was 75 when he died March 23 in Huntsville.

Funeral services were held March 26 at Saint Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Madison. Burial was in the military section of Valhalla cemetery.

The Indianapolis native earned three degrees from Indiana University – a bachelor’s in German literature and Slavic studies, and a master’s and doctorate in linguistics.

In 1972, he came to the University of Alabama-Huntsville from his post as associate dean of academic affairs at Indiana, to become UAH’s first academic vice president. He created UAH’s linguistics programs, and served as the director until

his retirement as professor emeritus of linguistics in 1996.

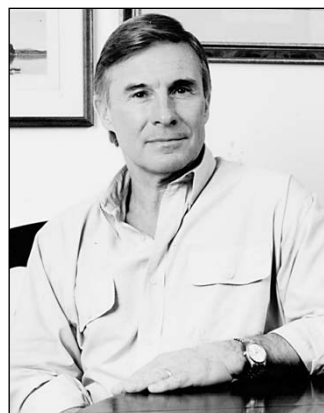
Wilson earned several military awards and commendations during his Army intelligence career.

Survivors include his children, Kurt and Stacey Wilson of Roswell, Ga., Heidi and David Donaldson of Indianapolis, Katrina and Steve Makepeace of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Juliana and Chad Shores of Mount Pleasant S.C.; a sister, Mary Babcock of Indianapolis; a cousin, John V. Wilson of Pinellas Park, Fla., and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Matthew’s Episcopal Church Building Fund, 786 Hughes Road, Madison, AL 35758.



# Medal of Honor recipient speaks out for Soldiers



Paul Bucha

By GERRY COFFEY  
For the Rocket

Few military veterans have actually seen a Medal of Honor, much less met one of the few men authorized to wear one.

Described as the "bravest of the brave" and an endangered species because only 328 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen from Pearl Harbor to Somalia have survived to actually wear the Medal, only 111 of them remain.

Paul Bucha is one of those men.

He was scheduled to speak at the recent West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley's annual Founders Day Dinner, but blizzard conditions in New York grounded all aircraft and prevented Bucha from attending.

A self-proclaimed spokesperson for the well-being of Soldiers and veterans, this West Point Class of 1965 graduate no longer wears the uniform but rarely lets a day pass without speaking out in behalf of those who do regardless of where the blame lies. The Walter Reed Army Medical Center controversy, equipment issued

Soldiers on the front line, and the treatment afforded military widows were a few of the topics discussed in a recent telephone interview.

"I really am mad at everybody right now," Bucha said regarding Walter Reed. "This war was fought under the premise that for every killed-in-action there would be 2-3 wounded, but it turns out that for every KIA there are 16 (wounded) in this war, so that calls into question the official numbers of 23,000 wounded."

Not one to be partisan, Bucha

said he only cares about his "constituency."

"I have only one constituency. My constituency is the men and women in uniform," he said. "Whether they've worn it in the past or are wearing it today. I'm alive because of them, and as a result this is my payday."

Aside from speaking at the U.S. Military Academy, Bucha also addresses the Air Force Academy twice a year as well as ROTC groups, the National Guard, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard Academy, Vietnam Vets, and the Medal-of-Honor Society.

## Sexual assault awareness fostered during month

The Defense Department takes a stand against sexual assault as it observes Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

This annual event provides the opportunity to increase knowledge and promote prevention of this crime through special events and public education. This year's theme for the month is "Stand Up Against Sexual Assault... Make a Difference." The theme encompasses an attitude toward prevention of this violent crime, reminding the work force — leaders, peers and subordinates — that each can make

differences through his or her actions. Lack of action promotes the crime.

DoD policies address sexual assault prevention, seeking to establish a climate of confidence in which:

- Education and training create an environment in which sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;
- Victims of sexual assault receive the care and support that they need; and,
- Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Take an active stand in learning more about sexual assault and its prevention by participating in the following events:

- The Army Community Service sexual assault prevention program will have an informational display, and the installation sexual assault response coordinator will be present to answer any questions, April 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the Block Party sponsored by Child and Youth Services.
- Oakwood College's "Sexual Assault Awareness Walk" is 5:30 p.m. April 23.
- College Campus Law Enforcement

Training on sexual assault victims/protocol will be held April 24 from 8 a.m. to noon at Crisis Services of North Alabama.

- A talk session about sexual assault, with Kenosha Davenport of Crisis Services of North Alabama and Kenny Anderson, will be aired April 29 at 1:45 p.m. on WOCG 90.1.

For more information on these activities, call Davenport at Crisis Services of North Alabama at 716-4052, ext.110. (Army Community Service release)

## Workers' compensation subject of briefings

The Injury Compensation Office wants to spread the word about how to apply for assistance if you're injured on the job.

The office, within the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, provides information sessions at request at Team Redstone workplaces. These sessions are done by Debra Hammond, injury compensation program administrator, and Kim Torres, injury compensation specialist.

They brief managers, supervisors and employees to clarify the Workers' Compensation Program, assist supervisors and employees in their responsibilities, and provide information useful for timely processing of injury claims.

Each session is offered on the date and at the location of the requesting office, preferably to 20-30 attendees. The session lasts from one hour to 90 minutes.

If your organization wishes to schedule a session at your location, call Hammond at 842-9038 or Torres at 876-5294.

Some topics covered include the following:

- Instructions for Electronic Data Interchange Direct Injury Notification — how to file a CA-1 or

CA-2 form electronically direct to the compensation specialist;

- Workers' compensation web site presentation;
- Forms completion — why and when to file;
- Role of Occupational Medicine at Fox Army Health Center;
- Medical treatment information — Leave Without Pay compensation defined;
- Difference between CA-1 and CA-2;
- Timekeeping instructions — Continuation of Pay defined;
- Importance of personnel actions (Leave Without Pay and Return to Duty);
- Coordination among CPAC Injury Office, the injured worker, and his or her supervisor's responsibilities;
- Light/modified duty for injured workers with physical restrictions;
- Definition of Office of Workers' Compensation Program;
- Definition of Federal Employees' Compensation Act; and
- How costs of workers' compensation affect organizations.

### Local group travels to tornado 'war zone'

## Tornado

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broke them up for the group by insisting they eat lunch together each day at a local restaurant.

"It was one hour when we could relax and have a good meal," he said. "It was a good opportunity to take a break in the middle of the day and spend some time getting to know each other

better. At night, we were split up eating in groups of three or four at the homes of church members."

The group also was motivated by the "spirit of cooperation and the love of Christ" they saw among all the volunteers and residents they came into contact with, Fuller said.

"We're a church group, so spiritually and emotionally, I felt like we gave them a sense that God cares and there are people

who care."

But, there is still plenty of work to be done in Enterprise at the hands of volunteers.

"We went down there to eat the elephant, and it was a dinosaur and we took only a nibble," McCauley said. "It may not be efficient. But, there was a need and we did the best we could. It was a good experience for us, and it was encouraging to see God's hand at work the whole time and to hear the stories of survival."

## Federal retiree questions answered

Here are helpful answers to questions from retired federal employees:

**Question — I am a retired federal employee and also a widower. I am getting married again and need to know my new wife must be named beneficiary of my federal life insurance. In other words, is it a federal law that the annuitant's wife must be named the beneficiary of the annuitant's federal life insurance? Currently, my children would be the beneficiaries and I would like this to continue.**

**Answer —** There is no requirement that you designate your new wife as a beneficiary. But, if you wish to have your children as beneficiaries, you must file a Designation of Beneficiary Form (SF 2823) naming them. If you don't have a designation on file with OPM, naming someone other than spouse, the spouse is entitled to the insurance by law. You can go to the following web site and print out a current SF 2823: [www.opm.gov/forms/pdf\\_fill/sf2823.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/sf2823.pdf). If you don't have a computer, you can request this form from the Office of Personnel Management.

**Question — Will sick leave benefit a FERS employee as credit for retirement?**

**Answer —** If all of your service is under FERS, there is no credit for unused sick leave in the FERS annuity computation. If you have a CSRS component of your FERS benefit, the amount of sick leave creditable for annuity computation purposes is the lesser of your unused sick leave balance as of the date of transfer to FERS or your unused sick leave balance as of the date of retirement.

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# Flight

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the Navy. But, when he went to Birmingham to be sworn in, Tanner's name was called by a Marine officer.

"At first, I didn't answer him because I thought I was going into the Navy," Tanner said. "But, then he called me again. I told the officer I was supposed to go into the Navy but he asked me 'What's wrong with the Marines?' I told him I didn't know one branch from another. I just knew what I was told in Oglethorpe. He said 'Out of 162 men that came in, there are only 16 who are qualified for the Marines and we need to make our quotas for Marines.'"

With that, Tanner's papers were stamped "Marines" and he was sent to boot camp in California for two months of training.

"I'm kindly proud I served with the Marines," Tanner said. "They are a proud outfit. I could have got killed in the Navy just like in the Marines."

As a Marine in Co. G of the 23rd Regiment of the 4th Marine Division, Tanner was in the rear echelon during the offensives in Saipan and Tinia.

"There was a five-mile body of water between the two beach heads at Saipan and Tinia," he said. "It was important to win those battles because the islands would allow us to fly B-29 bombers to Japan and back without refueling. We needed Iwo Jima to take care of B-29s that got crippled over Japan and needed to make a forced landing."

Operation Detachment was fought in

February and March 1945 with one goal in mind – to capture the airfields at Iwo Jima. Tanner was an expert M1 rifleman who spent his days at Iwo Jima in close combat with the enemy. He carried 22 pounds of demolition explosives that he used to blow up the vast array of Japanese pillboxes (concrete reinforced underground containers with slit openings accommodating the Japanese and their machine guns), and 11 miles of tunnels and caves on the island.

"After the third day, we were told we didn't need any prisoners," Tanner said. "We were ordered to kill when we came foxhole I was digging caved in. I knew it was a tunnel so I threw a bomb in it. When the Jap came out at the other end of the tunnel he must have been shot 15 times."

The first U.S. flag on Iwo Jima was raised in the face of plenty of Japanese gunfire. It didn't stand long.

"The first flag that was raised the Japs shot down," he said. "Three days later, we secured the first airport and then they raised the famous flag. I was dug in at one edge of the airport when that happened. I couldn't figure out why they were raising the flag because we were still fighting. I fought 16 days after the flag was raised. And, it took another 10 days after I was wounded to secure it."

Like his fellow Marines, Tanner lived the horrors of war. He remembers climbing to the top of a hill at Iwo Jima with fellow Marines and being ambushed by a Japanese machine gun nest. One of his friends was hit and Tanner dragged his lifeless, bloody body back down the hill. The nest was destroyed by a Sherman tank. He remembers the ruthlessness of

the Japanese and his strong will to survive at all cost.

"I fought for 19 days before I got wounded," he said. "I didn't have my shoes off my feet or my helmet off my head for 19 days. When I did get my shoes off, my socks were rotted off my feet. My feet were nearly rotted."

At night, the Marines would dig foxholes about 4 feet deep that were big enough for three men.

"Two slept and one stayed awake. We did that in two-hour shifts so we would each get four hours of sleep," Tanner said. "We'd see Japs sneaking around. They'd crawl into a foxhole with you and kill you. If your watchman fell asleep on you that was it."

Tanner's first wound came when he was hit by a piece of shrapnel or bullet in the chest. The wound was minor. But, a couple days later, he received a serious wound.

"A rocket or bomb hit and it knocked me unconscious," he recalled. "I was about to bleed to death because it cut the artery in my arm. I left my rifle, pack and everything I had with me on the front lines and walked two miles back to the beach holding my arm as tight as I could."

Tanner spent two weeks in the hospital at Guam. His left arm was almost amputated because of gangrene. But, he returned to his unit with his arm intact and just in time for a celebration.

"When I got back to my old outfit, they dropped those two bombs on Japan and we all celebrated," Tanner said. "We really celebrated because we knew the war would end ... We had already taken map training for the Hiroshima beach landing and we knew if we had to hit the

beach it would be awful."

Tanner spent 19 months in the Marines. When he returned from Iwo Jima, he went back home to his family.

"I had her (his wife Evon) and two little boys," he said. "My wife and those kids suffered just about as much as I did. They had to scrounge for whatever they had. They lived in shacks. And, my wife had to sleep with the two boys on one side and a double barrel shotgun on the other side. I was coming home as quick as I could get here."

Tanner went to school and bought his home on the GI Bill. He was a steelworker for 56 years and a certified welder for 54 years. His career included working as a foreman at TVA's Belmont plant, as a maintenance mechanic at Marshall Space Flight Center, and in construction.

Tanner and his wife, who have been married 66 years, raised four children, and today have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. One of their sons was a paratrooper in the Army and their daughter, Jimmie Lee Pittman, is retired from Redstone Arsenal. One of their grandchildren is a lawyer in Huntsville.

And, looking back on that legacy, Tanner knows he won his own personal battle for freedom on the battlefield at Iwo Jima.

*Editor's note: The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight is still raising funds for its September flight of 80 veterans to the World War II memorial. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Honor Flight, c/o The Huntsville Times, P.O. Box 1487 West Station, Huntsville, AL 35807. The chapter's web site is [honorflight.net](http://honorflight.net).*



# 'Mad Bomber' ready for return to ring

Extreme fighter Soldier has bout April 20 at Von Braun Center

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He's an instructor at the Hazardous Devices School, a family man with a lovely wife and three young children, and a born again Christian who volunteers at a local church. But when he steps into the mixed martial arts ring, he's "The Mad Bomber."

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Kniest is among the combatants in the Extreme Fighting Championships scheduled April 20 at the Von Braun Center.

Kniest will fight Mike Slavin of Madison at 170 pounds (welterweight). This is among 11 fights, each scheduled for three five-minute rounds, promoted by Extreme Combat International.

"This'll be our eighth show," ECI president Scott Jennings said. "It'll be our fourth time at the VBC so we're really looking forward to it."

Kniest's last bout was August 2006 at the Von Braun Center when he lost to welterweight champion Tim Gawenda of Atlanta on a referee stoppage. He is 5-3 entering his first meeting against Slavin, who is 10-0 as a boxer but 0-1 in mixed martial arts.

"I'm excited to fight him," Kniest said.



Courtesy photo

**FAMILY MAN**— Mike and his wife, Merry, enjoy a peaceful moment with their sons, Hunter, 8, and Garrett, 5, and daughter R.D. (Riley Desiree), 2.

"It's going to be a good fight I think."

On April 29, 2006 at the VBC, Kniest lost a decision to Carlton Spaulding of Atlanta, who was 5-0 entering that fight.

The past year has been eventful for Kniest, 29, from St. Louis. He became a born again Christian and youth minister at the Rock Family Worship Center, located on North Memorial Parkway. He found sponsors for his fighting – USA Sports, Warrior Wear, Infected Fight Wear, and Organic Mixed Martial Arts. And he had nose surgery, not surprising since he was a boxer for about 10 years and the 2000 Golden Gloves middleweight champion for Kansas/Oklahoma.

In 2005 he decided to give mixed mar-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**IN TRAINING**— Sgt. 1st Class Mike "The Mad Bomber" Kniest prepares for his April 20 fight slated for the Von Braun Center.

tial arts fighting a shot and he had his first bout that Aug. 27 in Santa Fe, N.M.

"I love this sport," said Kniest, who arrived in November 2005 for the advanced NCO course at the NCO Academy. "It's a good mix of everything. I was a boxer for a long time. I lost a lot of

fights as a boxer because (at 5-foot-9) I got beat by a lot of fighters that were just taller and had longer arms."

Just about anything goes in his sport of choice – including punching, wrestling, kicking, kneeing and elbowing – no gouging, however.

Kniest's brother, R.D. Bryant, was a professional boxer who died in a car wreck in 2003 in Columbia, Mo. Kniest wears his brother's birth date (6-20-1977), initials and date of death (11-24-2003) on his trunks.

In 2006 Kniest got a friend of his started in the sport. Sgt. 1st Class Albert Schevey has been in Iraq for five months, has about a year left in the Army and plans to return to Huntsville.

Kniest, who became an instructor at the Hazardous Devices School about six months ago, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering online through Grantham University. He hopes to finish it next year.

He and his wife, Merry, reside in Park City, Tenn., with their sons, Hunter, 8, and Garrett, 5, and daughter R.D. (Riley Desiree), 2.

"You'll never see a good fighter beat somebody up on the street," he said, when asked about his serene personality outside the ring. "Because we do it for love of the sport. Our big payoff for all these hard hours of training is to showcase our skills for the fans."

## Health events trek toward 5K run

Road race on tap at Pagano Gym

Runners in the Redstone community will culminate a series of events leading to MWR's annual Health Fair.

A 5K run is scheduled May 5 at Pagano Gym for community members – civilian, military and contractor – who are at least 18 years old. Runner check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race at 8.

Registration is April 9-20 at Pagano; and the cost is \$10 per person, which includes a T-shirt. Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness is sponsoring the run with Crestwood Medical Center.

"We've tried to have runs in the past that have been unsuccessful," Sports and Fitness director Gaylene Wilson said. "And we wanted to do events this year that are tied into the health fair, so we decided to do this run."



Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers age 39 and under, and the top three finishers 40 and older for both males and females.

This is among three events leading to the Health Fair, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. These include a free Aero-bi-thon, April 14 from 9-11 a.m. at Pagano Gym; a free self-defense class, April 17 from 6-7 p.m. at Pagano Gym with signup in advance; and the run.

Crestwood Medical Center is involved in the Health Fair which will include dietitians and screenings for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, bone density, and other valuable health information. Carrabba's is among the sponsors. The fair has been held every May for the past decade.

For more information about the run, with registration beginning Monday, April 9, call Pagano Gym at 842-2574 or 876-6701.



## Sports & Recreation

### Super Bowl honoree

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Association of Alabama A&M University will hold a banquet honoring Robert Mathis, a defensive end for the 2007 Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. This event will be held April 21 at 6 p.m. at Elmore Gym on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Tickets are \$35 and reserved tables are available. To purchase tickets, call the Office of Alumni Affairs 372-5286 or Jacqueline Hurt 372-5671. Proceeds from this event will benefit the university 2007-08 Councill Challenge Campaign.

### Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from April 12 through May 24 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive, Redstone Arsenal. Classes are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621.

### Golf benefit

The Integrated Material Management Center will hold its annual Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser Golf Tournament on May 3 at the Links at Redstone. It is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start for 8 a.m. Registration deadline is April 27. Cost is \$40 for members, \$44 for non-members. Organizers are accepting prize donations and sponsorships. For more information, call David Newton 876-2585 or Veronica Crute 876-9043.

### Braves baseball trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is hosting the Summer Baseball Bus Trip to Atlanta to watch the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals and the Atlanta Braves at Turner Stadium. The bus will depart Redstone Arsenal on Friday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. and return Sunday afternoon, July 22. The cost is \$220 per person based on double occupancy at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Atlanta Perimeter. The cost per person includes hotel accommodations, tickets for the ballgame on

Friday and Saturday nights, plus round trip luxury bus transportation with refreshments and snacks on-board. You must be at least 21 years old. Please make your reservation by sending an e-mail to Retired402@charter.net. You must provide a \$110 per person deposit by April 23 to hold your reservation. For more information, call Charlie 955-7662.

### Talladega tickets

The MWR ITR Office and the Talladega Super Speedway have joined to offer tickets to the "Aaron's 499," April 29. Tickets for reserved seating in both the Gadsden and Talladega grandstands are \$55. Tickets are only available through April 13 or while they last. For more information, call 876-4531.

### Spring kickoff tourney

The Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury "Spring Kickoff Tournament" is April 14 at the Links at Redstone with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes golf cart, food, drinks and prizes. Price does not include greens fees. For more information, call 883-7977.

### Women's football team

Meet the women of the Alabama Renegades, Huntsville's only full-contact women's football team. This is the seventh season for the Renegades. They will be signing autographs and giving away door prizes at Madison Fitness Kickboxing on April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Madison Fitness Kickboxing is located at 8089 Hwy 72 West in Madison, across from the old Bruno's. For more information, visit the web site <http://www.alabamarenegades.net>.

### Hawaii tour

Join the Leisure Travel Office in September for Redstone Arsenal's Hawaii tour. "We have seven nights and eight days at the beautiful Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Hotel right on Waikiki Beach, just minutes from Honolulu on the breathtaking island of Oahu," a prepared release said. The travel dates are Sept. 19-26 and include roundtrip air fare from Huntsville aboard American Airlines, transfers to and from Honolulu International Airport and partial ocean view rooms at the Hale Koa. "Included are escorted tours to the Arizona Memorial and Honolulu City Tour, the Hale Koa's delicious and authentic

luau and the Polynesian Cultural Center that includes the IMAX movie presentation, luau dinner and spectacular evening show, 'Horizons,'" the release said. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. For more information or to sign up, call the Leisure Travel Office 313-0090 or e-mail [grace.bennett@redstone.army.mil](mailto:grace.bennett@redstone.army.mil).

### Bass tournament

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America invites you to participate in its spring 2007 bass tournament April 21 at Goose Pond Colony on Lake Guntersville. A social will be held April 20 at 5 p.m. at rental cabin 11, tournament headquarters. The tournament starts at first safe light April 21 and ends at 2 p.m. with weigh-in immediately following. For more information call Bob Vlasic 881-4144, Chuck Ogle 883-7974, Matt Boenker 313-9117 or Tom Geoffroy 876-5359 or visit the chapter web site <http://www.tennvalleyquad-a.org>.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Materials conference

Registration for the Metamaterials and Nonlinear Materials Conference has begun. This conference will be held April 4-5 in Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web page at <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/MNM07> or e-mail [angie.cornelius@us.army.mil](mailto:angie.cornelius@us.army.mil).

### Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel have Bible studies each Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. The morning Bible studies are at 9:30 a.m., the lunch Bible study at 11:30 a.m., and the evening Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided for all Bible studies. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 489-3018 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

### Worldwide logistics workshop

The Logistics Support Activity's Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop is April 16-20 at the Sparkman Center. The workshop offers attendees with both strategic and tactical backgrounds an opportunity to receive instruction and obtain a wide range of information on logistics systems, programs and initiatives. The theme for this year's workshop is "Supporting the Army's Logistics Footprint." Soldiers, civilians and con-

tractors are welcome to register online by completing the 2007 WLTW Registration Form at <https://www.logsa.army.mil>. Registration is open through Friday. For more information, e-mail [logsa.wltw@conus.army.mil](mailto:logsa.wltw@conus.army.mil).

### Small business forum

North Alabama Small Business Conference 2007 is May 3. The various speakers include the luncheon speaker, Tracey Pinson, Secretary of the Army's director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. The cost for this all-day event is \$95, which includes lunch. There is also the option to attend the lunch and networking session only for \$20. You must be an NCMA or HASBAT member to attend the lunch only. Anyone can attend this conference. Register through National Contract Management Association [www.ncmahsv.org](http://www.ncmahsv.org).

### Veterans association

National Dusters, Quads and Searchlights Association will have its 2007 reunion July 11-15 in Evansville, Ind. The site is the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 4101 U.S. Highway 41 North in Evansville. For more information, call 721-0913 or e-mail [sgmstokes@juno.com](mailto:sgmstokes@juno.com).

### Test week 2007

The Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center, in cooperation with the International Test and Evaluation Association, will sponsor Test Week 2007 from June 11-15 at the Von Braun Center. The theme this year is "How to Make Test and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter." The web site is [www.testweek.org](http://www.testweek.org), where you can pull off a preliminary agenda, registration form, exhibitor registration form, and floor plan. The conference is also in TIP, Catalog F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. The scheduled speaker is Norman Shaw, founder of the Sultana Association and the Knoxville Civil War Round Table. He will speak on "The Explosion on the Civil War Steamer, Sultana." There were 1,800 deaths when the boilers of the steamer exploded while carrying the former Union



POWs from the Confederate Andersonville, Ga., and Cahaba, Ala., prison camps. Use the Elk's Club north entrance for this meeting, which is free to the public. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For more information, call 858-6191.

### Computer users

The latest in Internet web browsers and computer operating systems will be discussed at the Huntsville PC User Group meeting April 14 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. HPCUG president Kevin Wangbickler, co-leader of the windows/Internet special interest group, will speak at 9:15 a.m. Microsoft Office specialist Mona Slaven will speak at 10:45. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

### Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) presents a free public talk Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Stephan R. Davis, NASA MSFC, deputy manager of Flight and Integrated Test Office Ares I-X at Marshall Space Flight Center, is to speak on "The First Step in the Long Journey Ahead." For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

### Defense acquisition

Defense Acquisition University's community conference, "Trends in the Acquisition and Program Management of Services in DoD," is April 17 at the DAU

campus at Fort Belvoir, Va. The conference will be broadcast live to the South Region via video-conference. The VTC will be sponsored by the DAU Alumni Association South Region at Raytheon Company located at 401 Jan Davis Drive in Huntsville. For more information or to register, go to <http://dauaa.org> or send e-mail to [DAUAA.South@dau.mil](mailto:DAUAA.South@dau.mil).

### Trade show

The 2007 GSA International Expo is May 15-17 in Orlando, Fla. This free training conference and trade show is designed for procurement and program professionals. Training will be available on topics such as government contract law, performance based acquisition, strategic sourcing and other procurement-related courses. All classes grant Continuous Learning Points. Admission is free. For more information and to register, call 1-888-272-5565 or visit web site [www.expo.gsa.gov](http://www.expo.gsa.gov).

### Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Radisson Inn, 8721 Highway 20 West, Madison. For information call 876-8706 or e-mail [amy.donlin@us.army.mil](mailto:amy.donlin@us.army.mil).

### Strategic speakers

Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in room 3018 of building 5225 (Von Braun Complex). Toastmasters is a non-profit organization that assists with the

development of communication and leadership skills. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-3621 or 313-4696 or e-mail [cpurifoy@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpurifoy@bellsouth.net).



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include

your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist

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Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

## Bravo ceremony

1st Sgt. Stanley Parker, right, relinquishes responsibilities as the first sergeant of Bravo Company to 1st Sgt. Christopher Mazur during a change of responsibility ceremony March 27. Bravo Company commander Capt. LeAngela Pierce, center, thanked Parker for his dedication, outstanding leadership and support; and she welcomed the Mazur family. Parker is getting promoted to sergeant major.

in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov), search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Thrift Shop will be open April 14 from 10-2. The shop is accepting spring items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.



Courtesy photo

## Make my day

**This Flame Point Persian, age 5-6, is available for adoption. For more information, call Veterinary Services at 876-2441.**

## Water cooler refills

The Thrift Shop has begun to stock water cooler refills as part of its goal to raise more money to give back to the community. Water cooler replacement bottles, 5-gallon jugs, are available at good prices at the shop. For more information, call Christi Graves 881-6992.

## Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP.

All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

## Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

## Green to gold

The Army ROTC at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana seeks talented young enlisted Soldiers who want to earn baccalaureate degrees. If you are a quality enlisted Soldier with officer potential and have served at least two years on active duty, then you are allowed to voluntarily participate and enroll in Army ROTC through these Green to Gold Programs. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail [arotc@uiuc.edu](mailto:arotc@uiuc.edu), or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

## Lateral entry

If you are qualified prior service or a member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer

Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail [arotc@uiuc.edu](mailto:arotc@uiuc.edu), or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

## Call for papers

A call for papers has been issued for the "Workshop on Algorithms for Autonomous & Aided Target Recognition" June 6-7 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, e-mail Angie Cornelius at [angie.cornelius@us.army.mil](mailto:angie.cornelius@us.army.mil). A call for papers has also been issued for the Conference on Reconfigurable Systems, Microsystems and Nanotechnology, May 8-10. For more information, e-mail [angie.cornelius@us.army.mil](mailto:angie.cornelius@us.army.mil).

## Community volunteers

Do you have a few hours to volunteer with Soldiers and family members? Volunteers are needed at Army Community Service. Training and orientation are provided. If interested call volunteer coordinator Kim Anton 876-5397 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Grissom High reunion

Grissom High School Class of 1977 is planning a reunion in July. Organizers are looking for all graduates from that year. If you are a grad or know one, please e-mail [GHS77@comcast.net](mailto:GHS77@comcast.net).



### Math tutoring

ACT and SAT Math Prep Tutoring Sessions will be held at the Youth Center through May 8 from 4:30-6 p.m. These sessions are free to children that are registered with Child and Youth Services. For more information, call 876-5437. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Youth classes

SKIESUnlimited classes are offered to enrich the academic, physical and emotional lives of youth. This program is open to youth ages 4-18. SKIESUnlimited offers Tae Kwon Do, Dance, Drumming, and Kindernastics. For more information, call 876-7801.

### Car wash benefit

The Optimist Club will hold its annual car wash fund-raiser, benefiting local youth, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lee's Magic Tunnel Car Wash. Wash, vacuum and double hot wax costs \$8; and street or "walk in" sales are \$14.

### Civilian of year award

The Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award and Dinner on April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local DA civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. This year AUSA will expand its award program by recognizing



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

## Honor graduates

**Maj. Justin Miessner, left, chief of the Technical Escort Division, stands beside Distinguished Honor Graduate, Capt. Kristopher Alexander, and Honor Graduates, Sgt. Jon Immendorf and Spc. Autumn Crumpton, during the Tech Escort graduation of class 009-07 March 29. Class 009-07 received a plaque for being the first class to have all students as first time go's on all exams. The Technical Escort School which falls under the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School (and is under the proponentcy of the Army Chemical School) trains Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and civilians to become Hazardous Material Certified.**

ing nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. Support your outstanding civilian

nominees by attending the recognition dinner. Tickets can be purchased from the AUSA event coordinator, Jerry Hamilton. Cost is \$30 for individuals, and \$240 for a corporate table of eight. For a reservation form, call Hamilton 971-7065.

### Business honorees

The first Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama Business Hall of Fame, "A Celebration of Legends and Legacies," will be held April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, South Hall. This black tie event will honor four laureates who were chosen because they have made outstand-

ing contributions to free enterprise and have set new standards for future business leaders while serving as inspiring role models for young people. For more information, call the Junior Achievement office 533-4661.

### Book sale benefit

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for the Army Emergency Relief campaign is April 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, first floor, in the corridor between buildings 5303 and 5304. "As in the past, we accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes," a prepared release said. "We will be able to receive donations (now) until April 18." If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery and pickup.

### Business scholarships

The Redstone Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals invites students to apply for its scholarship program. Two scholarships for \$750 each will be awarded to students majoring in business (high school and college). For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391. The application can be found at [www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/current.htm](http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/current.htm).

### Professional development

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers will hold a seminar on "Putting Your Best Foot Forward – Managing Your Career" April 11-12 at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. The same session will be held each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. Janie Walters of Champion Communications is the seminar leader. Cost is \$75 for ASMC members, \$85 for non-members. For information call Cody Swinford 876-3363, Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Debbie O'Neal 876-2671, Sandy Balog 842-8012 or Theresa McBride 842-9272.



## Walk benefit

The "Walk for Wishes," a fund-raiser for the Make a Wish Foundation, is April 14 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville duck pond. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk at 10. For information on helping out or joining the walk, call Vicki Brewer 509-4823.

## Security professionals

The eighth annual NCMS/DSS Security Seminar "Security For a Changing World" will be held April 12 at the Von Braun Center. For exhibitor and registration information, call Sonja Wood or Leslie Weil 890-3001. The program features presentations by DOHA, NSA, and the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff. For exhibitor and registration information, call Sonja Wood or Leslie Weil 890-3001. Registration cost is now \$80 thereafter (includes continental breakfast and sit-down lunch). Registration details and more information are available at <http://ncms-midsouth.org>.

## Helicopter society

The American Helicopter Society, Redstone Chapter will award two one-week scholarships to the international Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center for 2007. "This award is to kindle interest in, encourage and promote students in fourth through 12th grades to pursue education in the fields of rotorcraft and vertical takeoff and landing aircraft," a prepared release said. Call scholarship chairman Steve Parker 313-5421 for eligibility and application requirements. Deadline for submission is Saturday.

## Stuffed animals wanted

Amy Balch is collecting new or gently-used stuffed animals for the pediatric ward at Huntsville Hospital East. "Please do not drop off stuffed animals at the lobby of (building) 5300," she said in a prepared release. "Please call me at 631-7886 or contact me by e-mail at [gospel-songlover@yahoo.com](mailto:gospel-songlover@yahoo.com) for me to pick up the stuffed animals. Thanks to everyone who has already donated stuffed animals."

## Fund-raiser walk

To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, the Autism Society of Alabama is hosting a "Walk for Autism" April 21 at Chapman Middle School. Everyone is invited to participate. A \$25 pre-registration fee includes a walk T-shirt. Registration on the day of the walk will be \$30. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m., with registration opening at 8:30. Fun activities planned for after the walk include a moon bounce, slide, food, drinks, face painting, mini-resource fair, music, balloons, raffle prizes, etc. For more information on the Huntsville walk, call the local walk coordinator 527-8061.

## Alcorn scholarships

Alcorn State University announces its annual Tennessee Valley Alumni Scholarship Award Program. Scholarships are for incoming freshmen who would like to attend Alcorn State University (proof of enrollment/acceptance required). Amounts will be \$500 for each scholarship awarded. Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants who maintain a 2.5 on a

4.0 point system and will be awarded without regards to race, sex, creed or religious preference. Applications packets have been mailed to high schools' senior counselors in Huntsville and within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Submission deadline is Friday. Application packets should be mailed to Tennessee Valley Alumni Alcorn State University, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5413, Huntsville AL 35814. For more information, call Melvin Mayo 721-9336 or Sam King 882-7733.

## Brunch benefit

PEO Missile and Space, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office — building 5250, room B200A — will hold a brunch for AER on Thursday from 8 a.m. until all gone. Call K.C. Bertling, Jill Mayes or Maria Roth 876-1195 or 876-8121.

## Bone density screenings

Fox Army Health Center will conduct bone density screenings May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center for the MWR Health Fair. The fitness center is located on Aerobee Road, east of Patton Road.

## Library week

The J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center, Alabama A&M University will hold activities to celebrate National Library Week, April 15-21. The third annual Friends of the Library Membership Dinner is April 16. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 in the Ernest L.

Knight Reception Center on the A&M campus. The honorees this year will be Dr. Carl Marbury, founder and former dean of the Alabama A&M University School of Library Media Program and seventh president of A&M; and Lila White, retired school librarian of the Jefferson County school system in Bessemer. The second annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is April 19-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the First Floor Computer Lab of the J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center (Library).

## Scholarships for youth

YOUTH Friendship Foundation Inc., in partnership with the Investing in Our Youth Partnership, announces its annual scholarships for the youth. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors. Students should contact their school counselors for applications or call Maj. Alonzo McGhee 655-9616. All applications must be received by April 18. For partnership information call 655-9616.

## Senior service college

This announcement is directed to civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy positions within the Army in grades GS-14 and 15 or equivalent grades within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System. Employees interested in applying for the Senior Service College Fellowship Program opportunities commencing in 2007 should respond by April 24 to announcement number SSCF-Huntsville-07H. AL&T

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work force members who do not currently possess Acquisition Corps membership but who wish to participate in this opportunity must be members of the AC at the time of application. The purpose of the SSCF Program is to provide leadership and acquisition training to prepare senior level civilians for senior leadership roles such as product and project managers, program executive officers and key acquisition positions. Individuals who complete the program will be awarded equivalency for the Program Managers Course; and those attending the Huntsville offering will be provided the option to obtain a master's degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. For more information call Shirley Hornaday, regional director of the Acquisition Support Center, Southern Region, at 955-2764.

## Admin professionals

The Officers and Civilians Club will celebrate Administrative Professionals Day, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a buffet style lunch. Cost is \$12 per person. There will be a number of door prize drawings, and gifts for the admin professionals. Tickets are available in advance at the club cashier's office, or you can purchase them at the door the day of the event. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Young stars pageant

The "Sparkling Stars Pageant" is Saturday in Huntsville for ages 25 and under, with boys and girls divisions. For information call 658-5553.

## Experienced rider course

Whether you have been riding for one year or 31 years, the Experienced Rider Course has something for you. This one day, seven-hour course is the perfect place to discuss motorcycling strategies with other riders and to sharpen your cornering, braking and emergency maneuvering skills. Upcoming dates for the Redstone Arsenal, Installation Safety Office, Motorcycle Safety Foundation ERC include April 10, April 23 and April 28. The course is held from 9 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break, next to Heiser Hall across from the bowling center on Patton Road. For more information, contact rider coach Ralph Harris 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

## Yard sale

It's spring cleaning time, so clean out your garages and closets and donate your

gently used items to the IMMC Readiness Directorate sponsored AER Spring Cleaning Yard Sale. The yard sale is April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. All proceeds will be donated to Army Emergency Relief. Any remaining items will be donated to Army Community Service or a local charity. If you have items that you would like to donate, call Eric Cowan 313-1572 or Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or bring them to 5301 from 7-9 a.m. the day of the sale. "We ask that all donated items be clean with a suggested price attached," a prepared release said.

## Graduate courses

Florida Tech Graduate Center's courses for the summer semester begin April 30 at building 5304 with class once per week from 5-8 p.m. Those interested should call the administrative office 881-7878 or visit room 4326 in 5304.

## Administrative seminar

The Huntsville Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its fourth annual Seminar and Education Forum, "Pride in Professionalism," on April 24 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Huntsville. This is an all-day event open to all administrative professionals. It includes keynote speaker Beverly Marchelos on "Maximizing Human Potential" and a choice of attending two afternoon workshop sessions. Full registration is \$125, and registration after April 14 is \$140. The deadline is April 19. To register call Rozella Coggin 824-2907.

## Bikers against abuse

The Alabama chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse will sponsor its third annual 100-mile BACA National Child Abuse Awareness Ride on April 28. The ride increases community awareness about child abuse and child abuse prevention, and raises funds in support of abused children. Registration for the ride will begin at 11 a.m. The ride will start at noon at the National Children's Advocacy Center on Pratt Avenue and include stops in Athens, Decatur and Hampton Cove. The cost to ride is \$10. Additional information about BACA can be found at <http://www.bacausa.com> or [Alabama@bacausa.com](mailto:Alabama@bacausa.com). Or you can call 797-2097 or 417-2522.

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**Youth service day**

The Volunteer Center of Madison County is sponsoring dozens of local projects for the 19th annual National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22. Groups can register now for projects at [www.volunteerhsv.org](http://www.volunteerhsv.org). For more information about National and Global Youth Service Day and how to get involved, call Roz Stevenson at The Volunteer Center 539-7797.

**Appreciation in store**

The Base Supply Store, building 3775 on Maintenance Row, will have a Customer Appreciation Day/Vendor Show on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information call Celeni Sasser 375-5449 or store manager Morris Burbank 876-4011.

**Employment briefing**

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. This session will help participants understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. Call ACS at 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

**Garage sale**

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fund-raiser garage sale is April 14 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2823 Castle Pines Circle in Owens Cross Roads, the Hampton Cove area. Rain date is April 21. The sponsor is Beta Pi Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, Huntsville. All proceeds will go directly to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

**Wellness outreach**

Fox Army Health Center and its Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion section will conduct free Blood Pressure and Bone Density screenings on April 25 from 8:30-11 a.m. for the staff of SMDC at their facility. The contact for Space and Missile Defense Command employees for the event is Zakiyyah Shakoor, SMDC work/life coordinator, at 955-5652. If your agency would like to schedule a wellness outreach at your facility call Rick Stock, health promotion educator, at 955.8888, extension 1443.

**Alcohol screening**

Take a free, anonymous alcohol screening at [MilitaryMentalHealth.org](http://MilitaryMentalHealth.org) or 1-877-877-3647 on National Alcohol Screening Day, this Thursday.

**Personnel update**

Attention all SMDC bargaining unit employees: This is an opportunity to learn about the National Security Personnel System and your employee rights. AFGE Local 1858 will have a Lunch and Learn on April 24 at the Space and Missile Defense Command, building 5220 in room 5014E. Attend session one from 11-11:30 a.m. or session two from noon-12:30. Lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

**Easter egg hunt**

Child and Youth Services will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Vincent Park on Saturday at 10 a.m. for age 10 and under. Prizes will be awarded in each age

group. Please bring your own basket. For more information, call 955-6114.

**Block party**

Child and Youth Services will hold the Month of the Military Child community Block Party on April 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 955-8401 or 876-3704.

**Sweet sale**

An AER Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Sale, to benefit Army Emergency Relief, will be held April 12 from 7:30-10 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. The sponsor is the

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

**Mother's celebration**

Girls Incorporated, a youth development organization committed to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold, is seeking nominations for the "2007 A Mother's Celebration" and would like to invite you to submit your nomination of that special person in your life. Girls Incorporated will recognize mothers in the following categories: traditional, non-traditional, and mothers in military service. The finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and will receive notification of their selection prior to the event honoring them. To receive a nomination form or for more

information, visit the Girls Incorporated web site at [www.girlsinc-huntsville.com](http://www.girlsinc-huntsville.com).

**Columbia donations**

The Columbia High School theater department is seeking a variety of donated items to be used in its productions. Donations of furniture, clothing, latex paint and painting supplies, tools, fashion accessories and any other gently used items would be appreciated. Any items that can't be used by the theater department will be sold in the department's May Madness Marketplace fundraiser May 5. Contact Janet Stephens at [jstephens@hsv.k12.al.us](mailto:jstephens@hsv.k12.al.us) for more information or to schedule a pickup date.

**ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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SCBK07847247	Project Mgmt Dir	4-Apr-07	PEO, SIM, TRNG & Instrumentation	NH-0301	3	3	63,958 - 98,876			X				X		X				X			
SCBK07898702	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	4-Apr-07	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180		X														
SCBK07898702D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	4-Apr-07	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07920321	Gen Engr	4-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07920321D	Gen Engr	4-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WTST07924258	Security Spec	4-Apr-07	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	63,958 - 86,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07909895	Inventory Mgmt Spec	4-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	53,362 - 69,373									X				X			
SCBK07890308	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X															
SCBK07853259	Supp Oper Spec	4-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X															
SCBK07886150	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	4-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-1103	12	12	63,417 - 82,446	X															
SCBK07909906	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X												X			
SCBK07877415	Aerospace Engr	5-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X			
SCBK07877415D	Aerospace Engr	6-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07867712	Prgm Supp Tech (OA)	6-Apr-07	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	YB-0303	2	2	36,057 - 46,874		X														
WTST07923928	Security Spec	6-Apr-07	AMCOM, Intelligence & Sec Dir	GG-0080	12	12	63,958 - 86,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07876335	Lead Aerospace Engr	7-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07876335D	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07884107D	Gen Engr	9-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07840650	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	10-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572						X				X			X			
SCBK07922840	Budget Analyst	10-Apr-07	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X															
SCBK07925376	Prgm Analyst	10-Apr-07	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X															
SCBK07927597	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	10-Apr-07	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	29,108 - 37,839	X	X				X		X		X	X	X	X			
SCBK07927597D	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	10-Apr-07	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	29,108 - 37,839	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07909413	Equip Spec (Gen)	11-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148							X				X		X			
SCBK07901880	Prgm Analyst	11-Apr-07	SMDC	GS-0343	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X									X		X			
SCNAFBK0714	Lifeguard	12-Apr-07	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WTST07932593	Security Spec	12-Apr-07	Installation Mgmt Agency	GG-0080	11	11	52,912 - 68,787	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07939003	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X															
SCBK07932351	Supp Sys Analyst	12-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	46,974 - 69,373		X														
SCNAFBK0715	Lifeguard (Pool Oper)	13-Apr-07	Rec Serv Div	NF-0190	2	2	7.61-13.48	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCNAFBK0719	Laborer	14-Apr-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	4	4	8.52 - 8.52	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07921132	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07921132D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07919767	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07919767D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WTST07928090	Security Spec	23-Apr-07	Installation Mgmt Agency	GG-0080	11	11	54,438 - 70,772	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK078788973	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031								X		X	X	X	X			
SCBK078788973DR	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.SPM.GOV																							
SCBK07898702D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	4-Apr-07	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07920321D	Gen Engr	4-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WTST07924258	Security Spec	4-Apr-07	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	63,958 - 86,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07865312D	Supv Prgm and Logistics Spec	4-Apr-07	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07898702D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	4-Apr-07	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07920321D	Gen Engr	4-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WTST07924258	Security Spec	4-Apr-07	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	63,958 - 86,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07865312D	Supv Prgm and Logistics Spec	4-Apr-07	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07927597D	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	10-Apr-07	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	29,108 - 37,839	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07879253D	Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07877415D	Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07876335D	Lead Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07884107D	Gen Engr	16-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07921132D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK07919767D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK078788973DR	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																							
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																							
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																							
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																							
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																							
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																							
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																							
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																							
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																							
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																							
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																							
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																							
U - All U.S. citizens																							
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																							
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																							
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